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2. (Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, wherein the adhesion promoter is one containing one or more of Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti and Zr.

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3. (Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, wherein the organic polymer is selected from at least one of polyacrylic acid and poly(hydroxyphenyl) styrene.

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4. (Twice Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, wherein the oxide film is a barrier layer.

Cancel claims 5, 6 and 8.

Amend claims 9, 10 and 11 as follows:

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9. (Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, which is an aluminium sheet of which at least one surface has the oxide film, the adhesion promoter ^{coating} and a paint layer or an adhesive overlying the adhesion promoter.

10. (Twice Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, wherein the oxide film is 10-50 nm thick.

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11. (Twice Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, wherein the adhesion promoter coating is present at a weight of 2 -100 mg/m².

Cancel claim 12.

Amend claims 13, 15 and 16 as follows:

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13. (Twice Amended) The aluminium workpiece of claim 1, which is a primed sheet for automotive use.

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15. (Twice Amended) A method of treating an aluminium workpiece, which method comprises precleaning a surface of the workpiece, anodising the workpiece so as to form an anodic oxide film 10 to 200 nm thick on the surface and applying to the anodic oxide film a coating which consists essentially of at least one adhesion promoter containing one or more of Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F, ^{and} optionally containing an organic polymer, wherein the Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F are present in inorganic form, and wherein the adhesion promoter is applied to the anodic oxide film in the form of an ^{an}no-rinse coating, which is a composition consisting essentially of the adhesion promoter in a volatile vehicle which evaporates leaving a film of the adhesion promoter, or a conversion coating, which reacts chemically with the oxide film to form a film of the adhesion promoter.

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16. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the anodic oxide film is a barrier film.

Cancel claim 17. ✓

Amend claim 18 as follows:

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18. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the aluminium workpiece is aluminium sheet.

Cancel claim 20. ✓

Amend claim 21 as follows:

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21. (Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein a paint layer or adhesive is applied over the adhesion promoter coating.